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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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for Science & Technology,  
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Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Proposed Prohibition of Weapons in Space Vehicles.

One of the recommendations of the recently concluded joint disarmament study headed by Mr. Charles Coolidge was that the United States should propose at the forthcoming Ten Power Disarmament Conference a prohibition of vehicles capable of mass destruction from being placed in orbit or stationed in outer space. The pertinent section of Mr. Coolidge's Study is contained in the attachment to this memorandum.

In developing proposed U.S. disarmament policy for presidential consideration, a course of action based on the above recommendations is being considered. As reformulated to avoid the concept of "weapons of mass destruction", the proposed course of action would read as follows:

"agreement not to use any vehicles entering into orbit or sustained space flight as weapons carriers, and to install a system of advanced registration, notification and pre-launch inspection of all vehicles entering into orbit or sustained space flight together with the establishment of appropriate tracking and space surveillance facilities."

We would appreciate your concurrence or comments regarding this proposal. I would be glad to meet with you to discuss this matter if you desire.

A similar memorandum is being sent to Dr. Dryden.

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Attachment:

Excerpt from Coolidge Study  
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